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June 27, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

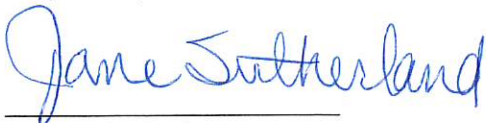
**Re: *In the Matter of Connect America Fund ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket
Nos. 10-90, 14-58***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Protective Order¹, please find attached Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company's Redacted Confidential FCC Form 481 filing. This filing is uploaded on the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (402) 426-6242 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Sutherland
Regulatory Manager
American Broadband

Encl.

¹ *In the Matter of Connect America Fund ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, DA 16-296 released March 22, 2016.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

Yes

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
		371542ne510.pdf
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
Data Collection Form

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	371542ne610.pdf

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	19.95

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Winnebago Tribal Land, Omaha Tribal Land

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

371542ne920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

<921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
 <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
 <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
 <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
 <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
 <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
 <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
 <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
 <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

 Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

 Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

371542nel210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<p><2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.</p> <p><2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.</p> <p><2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.</p> <p><2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?</p> <p><2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.</p> <p><2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?</p> <p><2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).</p> <p><2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>
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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
Yes - Attach Certification			
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))		371542ne3010b.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	371542ne3026.pdf

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	EASTERN NEBRASKA TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/23/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Joe Jetensky
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	4024266245 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	371542 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

Yes

 $\langle 220 \rangle$ [illegible]

<p>(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form</p>	<p>FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013</p>
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Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company

Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
 - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
 - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

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BLAIR TELEPHONE CO.
EASTERN NEBRASKA TELEPHONE CO.
ROCK COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.
HUNTEL CABLEVISION, INC.**

BACK-UP POWER

All switches are designed for 8 hour battery back up and all have a fixed standby generator that starts within minutes of a power failure with enough power to power everything in the office including air conditioning.

All DLC's and AFC's are designed with 4 hour battery backup. We also have portable generators that can be moved to the DLC if the power outage goes beyond 4 hours.

REROUTING OF TRAFFIC AROUND DAMAGED FACILITIES

All out state exchanges have common trunks to the Blair Tandem routed over a fiber ring. Blair and Arlington switches are located in the same building as the Blair Tandem. The facilities from Blair to Century Link and the IXC's in Omaha are fiber redundant. All switches also have an alternant route to the Century Link Tandem. Originating traffic would automatically reroute if the Blair Tandem failed but the terminating traffic would need to be rerouted by the carrier. The same local loop serves both the voice and broadband service to the subscriber.

TRAFFIC SPIKES

Capacity from the DLC's to the switch is designed at an industry standard 4 to 1 ratio. The switches are non-blocking. The trunk capacity to the IXC's is controlled by the IXC. They add or remove trunks depending on the volume of traffic. The trunk capacity to the Century Link tandem is also controlled by Century Link. Most trunk traffic is designed for high busy hour traffic capacity. It would be cost prohibitive to design for non blocking during and emergency situation. The broadband pipe to the world includes enough capacity to carry 20% more data than the peak usage times.

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	Cameron Telephone Company, LLC (TX)	440425	Cameron Communications
	Elizabeth Telephone Company, LLC	270430	Cameron Communications
	LBH, LLC	279014	Cameron Communications
	Interior Telephone Company	613011	TelAlaska
	Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.	613016	TelAlaska
	TelAlaska Cellular Inc.	619013	
	K.L.M. Telephone Company	421900	American Broadband
	Holway Telephone Company	421929	American Broadband
	Arlington Telephone Company	371517	
	The Blair Telephone Company	371524	
	Rock County Telephone Company	371536	
	HunTel Cablevision Inc.	379016	HunTel Communications
	AMA Communications, LLC	449020	
	Dialog Telecommunications, Inc. (KY)	269011	
	Dialog Telecommunications, Inc. (MS)	289012	
	Cameron Communications, LLC		Cameron Communications
	N.W. Communications Co.		American Broadband
	TelAlaska Long Distance, Inc.		TelAlaska Networks

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company

Description of Tribal Engagement

For Form 481 Lines 920 thru Line 929

The Company met with the Winnebago Tribal Council on December 27, 2016 at the Blackhawk Center. In attendance from Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company were Don Archer, Outside Plant Manager, and Pam Adams, Marketing Manager. Representing the Winnebago Tribal Council were Frank White, Chairman, Vincent Bass, Vice Chairman, Victoria Kitcheyan, Secretary, Ken Mallory, James Snow and Curtis StCyr.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC's USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), at the meeting with the Tribal Authorities, the Company, with tribal input, developed a needs assessment to assist with future service deployments on Tribal lands. In particular, the Company and the Tribal Authority discussions related to needs and service deployment focused on community anchor institutions. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on tribal lands were discussed and the Company, with assistance from the Tribal Authorities, identified additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal Authorities discussed ways in which they can coordinate or partner to ensure that services are marketed on Tribal lands in a manner that relates to the community and resonates with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption. At this meeting, the Company was prepared to discuss the relevant rights-of-way and other permitting and review processes, as well as any challenges associated with these processes. And finally, the Company came to the meeting prepared to discuss and engage the Tribal Authorities on any relevant and applicable Tribal business and licensing requirements.

Other items discussed were:

- Working with HCDC on the PSC broadband infrastructure grant focusing on fiber in the HoChunk Village area
- Training in Winnebago as part of the PSC broadband adoption grant
- The change in Lifeline benefits to now include broadband

In addition to meeting with members of the Tribal Council, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company has encouraged participation in the Lifeline program by posting information in community buildings at Winnebago. Eastern Nebraska Telephone representatives were

available in Winnebago on October 5, 2016 at the Blackhawk Center to assist with the annual recertification process. Letters were sent to all lifeline recipients announcing the event. Included next is the letter that was sent announcing the October 5th event. This outreach was very well received and appreciated by the community.

American Broadband

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September 21, 2016

Dear Lifeline Customer:

Under the Federal Communications Commission's rules, existing Lifeline customers are required to annually recertify their continued eligibility for Lifeline service.

Please complete the enclosed Tribal Lifeline Support Recertification Form and return it to our office by October 31, 2016. We have included a return envelope for your convenience. American Broadband representatives will be at the Blackhawk Center in Winnebago on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., please stop in and recertify, or ask questions in person.

Failure to return the Tribal Lifeline Support Recertification form or failure to provide all of the information requested on the form will result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.405(e)(4) and loss of the monthly Lifeline credit that appears on your billing statement.

Please contact our office at 1(888) 262-2661 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christian Jennings

Christian Jennings
Marketing & Communications Specialist
American Broadband

Encl:



Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company

Description of Tribal Engagement

For Form 481 Lines 920 thru Line 929

The Company met with the staff from the Carl T Curtis Health Center on April 18, 2016. In attendance from Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company were Joe Jetensky, General Manager, Don Archer, Outside Plant Manager, Pam Adams, Marketing Manager, Jennifer Sievers, Account Executive, and Mike Starzyk, Network Specialist. Representing the Carl T Curtis Health Center was Rick Grant, IT Site Manager, Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC's USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), at the meeting with the Tribal Authorities, the Company, with tribal input, developed a needs assessment to assist with future service deployments on Tribal lands. In particular, the Company and the Tribal Authority discussions related to needs and service deployment focused on community anchor institutions. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on tribal lands were discussed and the Company, with assistance from the Tribal Authorities, identified additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal Authorities discussed ways in which they can coordinate or partner to ensure that services are marketed on Tribal lands in a manner that relates to the community and resonates with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption. At this meeting, the Company was prepared to discuss the relevant rights-of-way and other permitting and review processes, as well as any challenges associated with these processes. And finally, the Company came to the meeting prepared to discuss and engage the Tribal Authorities on any relevant and applicable Tribal business and licensing requirements.

In addition to meeting with members of the Tribal Council, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company has encouraged participation in the Lifeline program by posting information in community buildings at Walthill, Macy and Rosalie. Following this narrative are examples of the posters that were displayed in community buildings. This outreach has very well received and appreciated by the community.

Would YOU like help paying your phone bill?



**COME TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES
BUILDING IN MACY ON OCTOBER 3, 2016
FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**



American Broadband will be at the Social Services Building on Monday, October 3, 2016, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Please stop in for information

on Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link-up, federal phone assistance programs available to those who qualify. Free refreshments will be provided.

Enhanced benefits are provided to low-income subscribers who qualify for certain government assistance programs such as: SNAP, Head Start, and Medicaid.

Lifeline helps ensure everyone has access to phone service in order to find jobs, access health care services, connect with family, their children's schools, and call for help in an emergency.

- Tribal Lifeline
- Tribal Link Up
- Phone
- Internet
- Cable

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Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers. The federal Lifeline and The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) assistance reduces the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service by \$3.50. The federal Lifeline program reduces costs of telephone or broadband internet access service (BIAS) by \$9.25. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$12.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in the programs. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. In addition, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission administers NTAP and the federal Lifeline program.

NTAP Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

To qualify for services, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (formerly the Food Stamps Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit

To receive an application, contact your local *Health and Human Services* agency caseworker or the *Nebraska Public Service Commission*, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68508-4927, Phone: 402-471-3101, Toll Free: 1-800-526-0017 or http://www.psc.nebraska.gov/ntips/ntips_ntap.html

Applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$16,281	\$20,331	\$18,711
2	\$21,924	\$27,392	\$25,205
3	\$27,567	\$34,452	\$31,698
4	\$32,853	\$41,513	\$38,192
5	\$34,496	\$48,573	\$44,685
6	\$44,496	\$55,634	\$51,179
7	\$50,139	\$62,694	\$57,672
8	\$55,782	\$69,755	\$64,166
For each additional person, add	\$5,643	\$7,061	\$6,494

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Tribal subscribers should contact Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company for additional information on Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up.

Program Service

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company's voice NTAP and federal Lifeline Program services include unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company's voice NTAP and federal Lifeline Program does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

BIAS minimum speed and usage allowance standards are required for the service to qualify.

Lifeline recipients may transfer the Lifeline benefit to a new company once every sixty days for telephone service and once every 12 months for BIAS.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the NTAP and federal Lifeline Program credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company. The federal Lifeline program credit is also available on BIAS. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of NTAP Eligibility

Service recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for service will result in termination of the service recipient's monthly service discount and de-enrollment from service.

Additional NTAP Program Information

NTAP and the federal Lifeline program are limited to one benefit per household. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. NTAP and the federal Lifeline Program are government benefit programs, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
Progress Report of 5 Year Plan – Certification of Public Interest Obligations

To be in compliance with the Certification of Public Interest Obligation of providing upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream:

- Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol.
- The Company provides usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas.
- The Company certifies that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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ATTACHMENT – LINE 3026

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY